

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Odin \_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota \_\_\_\_\_ 56160  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
Docket No: A2012-93

Robert D. Harder \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner(s)

## PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ post office. The Final Determination was posted \_\_\_\_\_ 10/27/11 \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

See attached statement

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I am the President of the Odin State Bank of Odin, Minnesota.

The Odin State Bank has been in business for 107 years and has been a strong supporter of this post office for all of these years. The closing of this post office will cause many hardships for our bank and its customers in this community. Some of our concerns are as follows:

1. We now receive our mail at 8: A.M. daily at the post office. If the post office is closed we have been advised that our mail will be delivered to us by the rural carrier at approximately 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. depending on the new route that is determined for the rural carrier. This will delay our processing of the deposit and loan payments that we receive each day for our customers.
2. How is our outgoing mail to be handled? At the present time we have until 4:00 PM daily to take our outgoing mail to the post office and obtain other services such as certified mail and express mail. We have not as yet been advised if the rural carrier will stop back to pick up our outgoing mail and at what time. At the present the rural carrier returns to Odin at about 1:30 PM daily. If he is to take our outgoing mail at that time it will be impossible to have all of mail ready by then. We have also been advised that there will no longer be an outside drop letter box in Odin.
3. When the Odin post office is closed all of the Odin mail will go to the Butterfield, Minnesota post office which is eight miles from Odin. Therefore we will need to drive there for service and to deliver our outgoing mail and if we do not do that all of our outgoing mail will be one day late. We will also not have services available for certified mail, registered mail, express mail, signature confirmations all of which are needed for the Bank to conduct its business in a timely manner.
4. Security concerns if we have to go to outside mail boxes.
5. Added costs for time and mileage for driving to other post offices.

The reason for our appeal is that we feel that these problems have not been answered by the Postal Service.